

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT NEW YORK

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RITCHIE RISK-LINKED STRATEGIES	)
TRADING (IRELAND), LIMITED, and RITCHIE	)
RISK-LINKED STRATEGIES TRADING	)
(IRELAND) II, LIMITED,	)
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Plaintiffs,	)
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v.	)
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COVENTRY FIRST LLC, THE COVENTRY	)
GROUP, INC., MONTGOMERY CAPITAL, INC.,	)
and LST I LLC,	)
	)
Defendants.	)
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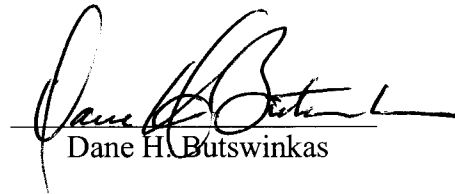
Civil Action No. 1:09-cv-01086-VM-DCF  
(ECF)

**DECLARATION OF DANE H. BUTSWINKAS**

1. My name is Dane H. Butswinkas, and I am an adult citizen of the State of Maryland.  
I have personal knowledge of the facts described herein.
2. I submit this declaration in support of Defendants' Motion to Preclude Plaintiffs' Request for "Costs and Fees Related to the Bankruptcy Process."
3. I am a partner in the law firm of Williams & Connolly LLP, counsel to the Defendants herein. Williams & Connolly LLP also represented the Defendants in the predecessor to this action, captioned *Ritchie Capital Management, LLC et al. v. Coventry First LLC, et al.*, No. 07-cv-03494 (DLC) ("*Ritchie I*").
4. On March 13, 2008, Judge Denise L. Cote held a telephonic hearing in *Ritchie I* concerning, *inter alia*, Defendants' request for documents created after Plaintiffs Ritchie Risk-Linked Strategies Trading (Ireland), Ltd. and Ritchie Risk-Linked Strategies Trading (Ireland) II, Ltd. filed for bankruptcy. During that hearing, Judge

Cote orally denied Defendants' request for these materials, accepting Plaintiffs' representations as to their irrelevance.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



Dane H. Butswinkas

Dated: May 23, 2011

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on the 7th day of June, 2011, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 5 and the General Order on Electronic Case Filing (ECF), the foregoing was served via the district court's ECF system on:

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